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Vice Admiral Noel Gayler  
Director  
National Security Agency  
Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Dear Noel:

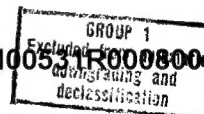
The thoughtful comments in your letter of 17 June 1970 on the draft "Intelligence Planning Guidance for the 1970s" are much appreciated and have been extremely useful in the redraft now being prepared on the basis of these and comments received from other USIB agencies.

As far as the guidance paper itself is concerned, it has been prepared for issuance as general guidance from the Director of Central Intelligence in his community and coordinating role. When issued it will represent his personal views as to the direction in which he considers the intelligence community should be moving and his interpretation of the major factors expected to have a bearing on intelligence planning.

As you suggest, a variety of follow-on actions should result from the paper and a section has been added which more directly defines some of the problem areas which should receive USIB consideration. It recommends, among other things, the creation of a USIB-sponsored working group to address the problem of drafting a new statement of national intelligence objectives and priorities.

As future versions of the paper are developed, it is proposed to ask that USIB agencies (including CIA) provide points of contact from whom the responsible drafting officer will obtain advice and comments although formal concurrence would not be expected. Should it develop that a particular agency has a basic disagreement with respect to the guidance paper itself, then either the USIB or

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the NLRB--depending on the nature of the issue--would be an appropriate forum for further discussion.

It is gratifying to note the attention you have given this problem, and our final paper will benefit substantially from your comments.

Sincerely,

/s/ John A. Bross

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